

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

<b>In re:</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>W.R. GRACE &amp; CO., <i>et al.</i>,</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Jointly Administered</b>
	<b>§</b>	<b>Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)</b>
<b>Debtors.</b>	<b>§</b>	
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**FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING THE AMENDED  
SEVENTEENTH QUARTERLY APPLICATION AND FINAL APPLICATION  
OF THE HOGAN FIRM FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE INTERIM FEE PERIOD  
FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AND THE FINAL  
FEE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 21, 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the Amended Seventeenth<sup>1</sup> Quarterly Application and Final Application of The Hogan Firm for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Interim Period from January 1, 2014, through February 3, 2014 and the Final Fee Period from December 21, 2009 through February 3, 2014 (the “Application”).

**BACKGROUND**

1. The Hogan Firm (“THF”) was retained as Delaware counsel to the Canadian Zonolite Attic Insulation (“ZAI”) Claimants. In the Application, THF seeks approval of fees and expenses as follows: fees totaling \$15,477.00 and expenses totaling \$938.16 for its services from January 1, 2014 through February 3, 2014 (the “Fifty-Second Interim Period”), and final approval of fees

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<sup>1</sup>Although this is the seventeenth quarterly fee application which THF has filed in this case, it covers January 1, 2014 through February 3, 2014, which is the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

totaling \$630,776.00<sup>2</sup> and expenses totaling \$27,913.77<sup>3</sup> for its services from December 21, 2009 through February 3, 2014 (the “Final Application Period”).

2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time and expense entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2014, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, Issued January 30, 1996 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We emailed an inquiry to THF based upon our review, and we received a response from THF, portions of which response are quoted herein.

## DISCUSSION

### Fifty-Second Interim Period

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<sup>2</sup>We note that the total of the fees requested in THF’s 16 prior fee applications, plus the compensation sought for the Fifty-Second Interim Period, is \$630,776.00. It does not appear that THF has deducted from this amount any of the reductions ordered by the Court for the prior periods, which periods are discussed in more detail in paragraph 5, to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$630,776.00. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

<sup>3</sup>We note that the total of the expenses requested in THF’s 16 prior fee applications, plus the expenses sought for the Fifty-Second Interim Period, is \$27,913.77. It does not appear that THF has deducted from this amount any of the reductions ordered by the Court for the prior periods, which periods are discussed in more detail in paragraph 5, to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$27,913.77. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

3. We noted the following time entries, both of which included time for attendance at a hearing on January 29, 2014:

01/29/2014	DKH	<b>Attended hearing in W.R. Grace</b> -Update on final stages of effective date documents and satisfying the plan conditions. Working on effective date documents- complicated process to satisfy process. Very near term. For all intents and purposes, Debtors hope to finalize effective date documents and go effective in the very near term.	0.50	400.00	200.00
01/29/2014	DKH	<b>Attended Telephonic Omnibus Hearing.</b>	0.40	400.00	160.00

In response to our inquiry, THF stated:

I agree that this entry was inadvertently entered twice and hereby agree to the reduction.

We appreciate THF's response and recommend disallowance of the second time entry for attendance at the hearing, for a reduction of \$160.00 in fees.

4. Thus, we recommend approval of \$15,317.00 in fees (\$15,477.00 minus \$160.00) and \$938.16 in expenses for THF's services for the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

#### **Prior Interim Applications**

5. We note that we previously filed the following final reports for THF's prior interim applications, which final reports we incorporate by reference herein, and we also note the following orders that ruled on THF's prior interim fee applications:

36<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding the Quarterly Fee Application of the Hogan Firm for the Period of December 21, 2009 through March 31, 2010 (Docket #25254), filed on or about August 24, 2010, in which we

recommended approval of fees totaling \$55,575.00 and expenses totaling \$2,056.92, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$687.00 in fees, as further explained in paragraph 3 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Thirty-Sixth Period, dated September 13, 2010 (Docket #25397).

37<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with No Fee or Expense Issues for the Thirty-Seventh Interim Period (Docket #25850), filed on or about December 2, 2010, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$97,416.00 and expenses totaling \$4,659.95. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Thirty-Seventh Period, dated December 10, 2010 (Docket #25905).

38<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with No Fee or Expense Issues for the Thirty-Eighth Interim Period (Docket #26519), filed on or about March 9, 2011, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$57,079.00 and expenses totaling \$2,676.04. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Thirty-Eighth Period, dated March 25, 2011 (Docket #26627).

39<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Amended Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with No Fee or Expense Issues for the Thirty-Ninth Interim Period (Docket #27116), filed on or about June 21, 2011, in which we

recommended approval of fees totaling \$37,132.00 and expenses totaling \$2,326.25. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Thirty-Ninth Period, dated June 30, 2011 (Docket #27188).

40<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Amended Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Fortieth Interim Period (Docket #27507), filed on or about August 25, 2011, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$47,053.00 and expenses totaling \$2,214.13. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Fortieth Period, dated September 20, 2011 (Docket #27622).

41<sup>st</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Amended Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-First Interim Period (Docket #28070), filed on or about December 2, 2011, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$42,137.00 and expenses totaling \$1,526.52, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$120.00 in expenses, as further explained in footnote 12 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-First Period, dated December 14, 2011 (Docket #28150).

42<sup>nd</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-Second Interim

Period (Docket #28548), filed on or about February 20, 2012, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$34,274.00 and expenses totaling \$705.37. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Second Period, dated March 23, 2012 (Docket #28705).

43<sup>rd</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-Third Interim Period (Docket #28900), filed on or about May 9, 2012, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$32,851.00 and expenses totaling \$3,147.64, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$688.00 in fees, as further explained in footnote 12 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Third Period, dated June 14, 2012 (Docket #29054).

44<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-Fourth Interim Period (Docket #29449), filed on or about August 13, 2012, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$32,877.00 and expenses totaling \$2,117.95. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Fourth Period, dated October 19, 2012 (Docket #29746).

45<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Amended Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-

Fifth Interim Period (Docket #29988), filed on or about December 4, 2012, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$29,727.50 and expenses totaling \$882.81. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Fifth Period, dated December 11, 2012 (Docket #30036).

46<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding the Quarterly Fee Application of The Hogan Firm for the Interim Fee Period from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012 (Docket #30181), filed on or about January 21, 2013, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$25,004.50 and expenses totaling \$1,401.60, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$1,392.00 in fees, as further explained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Sixth Period, dated March 27, 2013 (Docket #30440).

47<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding the Quarterly Fee Application of The Hogan Firm for the Interim Fee Period from October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012 (Docket #30493), filed on or about April 9, 2013, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$26,080.00 and expenses totaling \$416.09, reflecting our recommended reduction of \$622.50 in fees, as further explained in paragraph 3 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Seventh Period, dated July 31, 2013 (Docket

#30907).

48<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-Eighth Interim Period (Docket #31080), filed on or about September 6, 2013, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$24,754.00 and expenses totaling \$1,661.24. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Eighth Period, dated September 24, 2013 (Docket #31158).

49<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Forty-Ninth Interim Period (Docket #31404), filed on or about November 26, 2013, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$19,385.50 and expenses totaling \$948.65. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Ninth Period, dated December 17, 2013 (Docket #31482).

50<sup>th</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Fiftieth Interim Period (Docket #31838), filed on or about March 11, 2014, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$28,434.50 and expenses totaling \$1,049.82. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Fiftieth Period, dated March 11, 2014 (Docket #31963).

51<sup>st</sup> Period: Fee Auditor's Combined Final Report Regarding Those Fee Applications with *De Minimis* or No Fee or Expense Issues for the Fifty-First Interim Application Period (Docket #32197), filed on or about May 13, 2014, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$21,829.50 and expenses totaling \$944.57. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Fifty-First Period, dated May 23, 2014 (Docket #32216).

6. We have reviewed the final reports and orders allowing fees and expenses for the prior interim periods, and we do not believe there is any reason to change any of the amounts awarded for the prior interim periods.

### **CONCLUSION**

7. Thus, we recommend final approval of \$626,926.50 in fees (\$630,776.00<sup>4</sup> minus

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<sup>4</sup>We note that the total of the fees requested in THF's 16 prior fee applications, plus the compensation sought for the Fifty-Second Interim Period, is \$630,776.00. It does not appear that THF has deducted from this amount any of the reductions ordered by the Court for the prior periods, which periods are discussed in more detail in paragraph 5, to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$630,776.00. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

\$3,849.50)<sup>5</sup> and \$27,793.77 in expenses (\$27,913.77<sup>6</sup> minus \$120.00)<sup>7</sup> for THF's services for the Final Application Period.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>5</sup>This is the sum of our recommended reduction of \$160.00 for the Fifty-Second Interim Period (*see* paragraph 3) plus the Court-approved reductions of \$3,689.50 for the prior interim periods, not previously deducted by THF (*see* paragraph 5).

<sup>6</sup>We note that the total of the expenses requested in THF's 16 prior fee applications, plus the expenses sought for the Fifty-Second Interim Period, is \$27,913.77. It does not appear that THF has deducted from this amount any of the reductions ordered by the Court for the prior periods, which periods are discussed in more detail in paragraph 5, to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$27,913.77. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

<sup>7</sup>This is the amount of the Court-approved reductions for the prior interim periods, not previously deducted by THF (*see* paragraph 5).

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served by First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 6th day of August, 2014.



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